

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, spanning lines 7-15 with the following replacement paragraph:

Brandsch et al. (J. Biol. Chem., Vol. 273, [[3864]]3861-3864, 1998), discloses a thio-Phe-Pro thiopeptide and uses thereof in the investigation of the conformational requirements for substrates for PepT1. Brandsch et al. supra do not demonstrate attachment of a drug molecule to the thiopeptide, hydrolysis resistance of the thiopeptide, nor any drug carrying or any drug transportation by the thiopeptide. Accordingly, the compound in accordance with the present invention shows significant surprising advantages over the thiopeptide disclosed in Brandsch et al. supra due to the ability of the compound according to the first aspect to be attached to a drug via its functional group, and the compound's ability to transport a drug in vivo.

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 24, at line 14:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES